

17. (Cancelled)

18. (Currently Amended) An information recording medium comprising an electronic information storing circuit part[[],] and an ink receiving layer comprising a water-soluble or hydrophilic synthetic resin, in this order, and further comprising a barrier layer for preventing ink components applied with an ink jet head to the ink receiving layer from reaching the electronic information storing circuit part and having a concentration of ionic chlorine of 100 ppm or less,

wherein the barrier layer is provided between the electronic information storing circuit part and the ink receiving layer so as to prevent an ink applied with an ink jet head to the ink receiving layer from reaching the electronic information storing circuit part.

19. (Previously Presented) The information recording medium according to claim 18, wherein the barrier layer has an air permeability of at least 300 sec/100 cc as measured in accordance with the Gurley air permeability testing method.

20. (Previously Presented) The information recording medium according to Claim 14, wherein ink-jet recording can be carried out on the recording medium.

21. (Previously Presented) The information recording medium according to Claim 14, wherein the recording medium is used as a non-contact tag.